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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE; JURISDICTION IN NARCOTICS CASE

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1. IN JUNE 16 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER I MADE INFORMAL APPROACH ALONG LINES PARA THREE REFTEL, INDICATING THAT IN CASE AT HAND, USG MUST TAKE LEGAL POSITION NAVY SHOULD EXERCISE JURISDICTION. FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED THAT I SHOULD REPLY TO GOB REQUEST FOR JURISDICTION FORMALLY AND I AM THEREFORE DELIVERING NOTE SUGGESTED PARA THREE REFTEL.

2. I HAD IMPRESSION THAT FOREIGN MINISTER NOT INCLINED TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS CASE. HE EXPLICTLY STATED HE WANTED OUR NOTE IN RESPONSE "FOR THE RECORD". AT SAME TIME HE WAS CLEARLY PREOCCUPIED WITH MORE URGENT POLITICAL MATTERS AND I HAVE NO FIRM ASSURANCE GOB PREPARED TO LET MATTER DROP. IN NEXT FEW DAYS IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE WE WILL FURHTER SOUND OUT GOB REACTION. AT PRESENT WE ARE PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION NAVY WILL TRY THIS CASE. TWINAM

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